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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)**SUBJECT : Release of Agency Equipment to the U.S. Army
Special Forces**

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation submitted for DD/P approval. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 5.

2. The CONARC, Airborne and Electronic Board (AEB), Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, is currently conducting evaluations of Drop Boxes (DB) beacons. The beacon evaluations are primarily being conducted for the Special Forces.

3. The Office of Communications, CIA, has recently notified the [redacted] so that it can be used as a DB beacon and is compatible with standard ASF aircraft equipment. Initial tests conducted by NSA/NSF have proven that the modified RF-3, now called Beacon Number Two (BN-2), fulfills certain Agency operational requirements. An overall evaluation of the BN-2 has not, as yet, been conducted by the Agency.

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4. CIA has supplied Special Forces units [redacted] on a reinforcement basis, and have also provided the necessary technical training.

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5. It is recommended that the Office of Communications be authorized to issue one BN-2 beacon, on memorandum receipt, to the AEB Board for inclusion in their evaluation program. Their test agenda will be screened to insure that the Agency's operational requirements are well covered.

6. [redacted] CIA Liaison Officer now assigned to the Paywar Center at Ft. Bragg, will handle the physical transfer of the

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80-2. DFE/DEP will be requested to provide technical guidance for the test agency. The ABE Board's evaluation will be disseminated within the Agency.

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